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The applicants respectfully request that the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A be considered in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of each of these references is enclosed.

Non-English language references AG and AH were cited in a Notification of Reasons for Rejection from the Japanese Patent Office in counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-099509. A copy of that Japanese Notification of Reasons for Rejection, as well as an English language translation thereof, is provided as reference AI. Therefore, non-English language references AG and AH should be considered. (See MPEP 609.04 (a).)

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Respectfully submitted,

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